

Nature Programs



Canoeing Basics

(Ages: 10 to Adult) Thought about getting out in a canoe but felt you just didn't have the basics down? Come on down to Motts and learn what you'll need to paddle around on a future date by yourself or with a friend. Learn about canoe safety and the basic parts of the canoe. Learn some simple strokes as we paddle the beautiful waters of the reservoir. Wear shoes that can get wet. All equipment provided.

6115.101 Sa, 11-Sep 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Letterboxing

(Ages: 6 to Adult) Come out to the wondrous wetland area of our very own Dixon Park and learn about letterboxing. This simple treasure hunt is a great way to see all kinds of natural beauty in our region and all over the world. We'll go over the basics and then hike out to explore Dixon Park and find our treasure. Wear comfy shoes and bring water. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

6334.101 W, 8-Sep 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Dixon Park Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Basic Outdoor Survival

(Ages: 8 to 14yrs) Ever wondered what to do if you get lost outside overnight? Learn basic info that could be helpful. Talk about what to do if you get lost, have a hands on what to include in an emergency kit. Make a simple shelter and even build a water still. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. (Parents please attend with ages 9 and under)

6225.101 W, 22-Sep 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration has already begun.

Nature Play For Preschoolers

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) Back for a fun-packed fall! Come on down to Motts Run Reservoir for a chance to get down and dirty with mom or dad! We'll explore the lakeshore and trails, learn about spiders, fall insects, and much more! On our final day we'll go canoeing. Most classes held on Thursday mornings. Open to 4's and 5's only—Sorry, no siblings, please!. Must attend with adult (no charge for parents) Hurry on down and sign up as space is limited! Please note 5 class dates: Sept. 23 & 30, Tu Oct. 5, 21, 28.

6211.101 Th/Tu, 23-Sep - 28-Oct 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$42 City, \$58 Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Composting for Dummies

(Ages: 16 to Adult) Tired of dragging all those bags of leaves to the dump? Come discover a super way to recycle right in your own back yard. Take trash from your kitchen and yard debris and turn it into black gold you can use for free. Keep loads out of the landfill. If you've thought about composting but felt there was something holding you back, this class is for you.

6254.401 Su, 3-Oct 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Wilderness Canoe Trip

Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) – Ely, MN
Join us for the trip of a lifetime! Enjoy the remote North Woods...land of loons, moose, beaver and wolves! Camp, swim, fish, portage from lake to lake...a wilderness dream!

See page 32 for more details

Junior Naturalist:

Outdoor Skills

(Ages: 10 to 16yrs) Interested in honing your map and compass skills, learning to build (and not just light) a campfire, tying some practical knots to know for a lifetime, "Leave No Trace" ethics and more? If that's you and you're aged 10-16, then this latest Junior Naturalist Class is for you! We'll spend time each week covering these topics and more, in the woods and along the waters of Motts Run Reservoir! All supplies included. No class 10/12.

6235.103 Tu, 28-Sep to 26-Oct
4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Motts Run Nature Center
Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$55 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City
8/31 Non-City



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Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

(Ages: 4 to 6yrs) Who lives out in the woods at Motts? Come take a hike to look for wildlife signs. We'll make a plaster cast of an animal print and more. No younger siblings please.

6332.101 W, 6-Oct 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Outdoor Cooking For Kids

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Come on over to Motts where we'll be cookin' up a storm. We'll roast some yummy foods around the campfire, bake in a box oven and more. Learn some fun techniques you can use on your own camp out. Please bring one can of veggies, beans or tomatoes. All other materials and food provided.

6241.301 Th, 14-Oct 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Stargazing in the Park

(Ages: 8 to Adult) Join astronomer Myron Wasiuta, for a series of heavenly stargazing programs. You'll have an opportunity to discover the wonders of the universe through a powerful computer-controlled Celestron 14-inch telescope and other state-of-the-art equipment. Dress warmly and come prepared for a great adventure! Hot chocolate provided. Space is limited and all must pay.

6525.201 Sa, 9-Oct 8 - 10 PM **Along the Milky Way**
6525.202 Sa, 13-Nov 7 - 9 PM **The Moon + Jupiter**
6525.203 Sa, 8-Jan 6 - 8 PM **Lifecycles of the Stars**
Motts Run Nature Center
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Awesome Orienteering

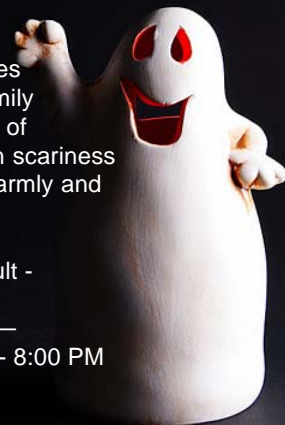
(Ages: 9 to Adult) Spend a fall afternoon learning to use a map and compass. We'll test our skills on the Motts Run Orienteering Course-a combination of hiking and treasure hunt! Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather (layers recommended). Compasses provided. Bring water.

6222.101 W, 3-Nov 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Spooky Stories by the Shore!

(Ages: 5 to Adult) Walk the trail of spooks and spiders to the shore for a roasting-fire! Enjoy the enchantment of Halloween along the shores of Motts Run Reservoir. We'll warm you with hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows, then chill you to the bone with spooky stories and other surprises. It's great family fun...Be sure to secure your spot of doom soon! Stories strengthen in scariness as evening progresses! Dress warmly and bring a flashlight and a blanket-amphitheatre seating provided. (Kids must attend with paying adult - great fun for ALL AGES!)

5325.101 F, 22-Oct 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
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Autumn Leaves Hike

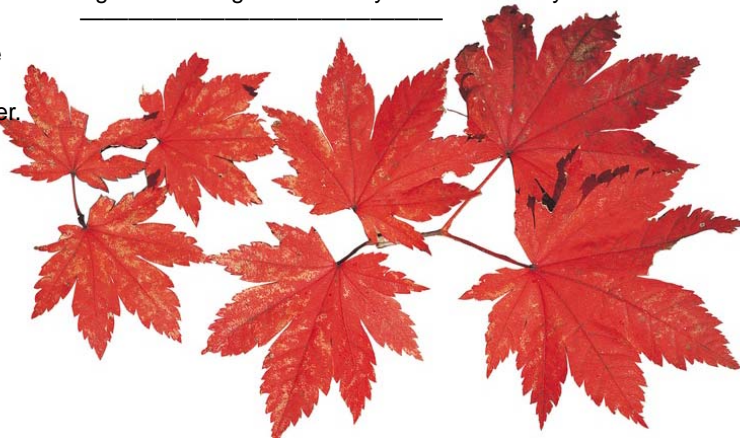
(Ages: 6 to Adult) The fall woodland is full of wonder. Set your senses on full alert as we soak up the sights, sounds, and smells of the season. Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes. A family favorite - great for adults too!

6321.101 Su, 24-Oct 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Eco-Explorer

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Hike over to Motts Run to take a late fall hike through the woods. We'll return to the Nature Center to discuss animal habitats, make a food chain, and end by making a homemade bird feeder for you to take home. Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes.

6227.201 W Sa, 13-Nov 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City



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Nature Crafts for Christmas

(Ages: 8 to Adult) Hand-dipped candles, leaf-printed stationery, leather-tooled bookmarks and more! Enjoy this annual tradition in our cozy log cabin! Everyone leaves with a handful of gifts to delight the maker and receiver! Fee includes all materials. Wear old clothes (you might get a bit messy) and dress warmly as some crafts will be done outside. Open to all "Kids" 8 years and older (9 and under must attend with parent).

6250.102 Sa, 20-Nov 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$12 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Snowflake Fun

(Ages: 4 to 6yrs) Come chase away the winter blues and celebrate snowflakes. We'll have fun doing a craft, reading a story and having a snack to learn more about these beautiful and unique creations of nature. For ages 4 to 6 with a favorite adult, no siblings please.

6234.201 Th, 2-Dec 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Log Cabin Storytime

(Ages: 4 to 6yrs) Come on over to our log cabin in the woods, the Nature Center, for some wonderful stories. We'll sip hot cocoa and do fun cabin crafts to take home.

6229.201 Tu, 7-Dec 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City



Winter Night Hike - Solstice & Full Moon

(Ages: 6 to Adult) Celebrate the winter solstice and rising full moon with an evening woodland hike! Throw on your scarf and gloves, lace up your sturdy footwear and meet at the Motts Run Nature Center to begin our trek. Bring a flashlight and room for hot chocolate! All must pre-register and pay. Great family fun.

6331.201 Tu, 21-Dec 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Bird Feeder Fun

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) Fly on down to the Motts Run Nature Center and visit the backyard birds! We'll create a few bird feeders to take home, the learn about our feathered friends who might visit them. Snack and story included. Be sure to bring a grown-up with you! (They can come for free.)

6220.107 Th, 6-Jan 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Bird Brains

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Fly on over to the Nature Center and learn all about birds and more specifically, how they use their amazing beaks. We'll 'fill the bill' as we use a variety of everyday objects to imitate the methods these wonderful creatures use to capture their food and eat. Hands on fun for ages 6-12, all materials provided.

6320.203 W, 12-Jan 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City

Log Cabin Bedtime Stories

(Ages: 4 to 7yrs) Get your jammies on and come on over with your favorite adult for some bedtime stories at our log cabin in the woods, the Nature Center. We'll read about who is awake at night in the woods, sip some hot cocoa and do a craft for you to take home.

6231.201 W, 19-Jan 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$5 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 8/24 City 8/31 Non-City
